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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Thursday, 5 November 1998

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Tajikistan

Briefing by the Secretariat

Democratic Republic of the Congo

Briefing by the Secretariat

Croatia (S/1998/1004)

Other matters

3.30 p.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room

Iraq (S/1998/1038)*

Other matters

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* Possibly followed by a formal meeting.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

1998 UNITED NATIONS PLEDGING CONFERENCE FOR DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES

Second segment

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	2nd meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

1. Statements regarding pledges (A/CONF.185/1, A/CONF.182/ 2, A/53/226/Add.2)
2. Adoption of the report (A/CONF.185/L.1)
3. Closure of the Conference segment

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	24th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	25th meeting	Conference Room 2

Action on all draft resolutions submitted under agenda items 63 to 80

[Documents of the First Committee (A/C.1/53/INF.1)]

SECOND COMMITTEE

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

1. Informal consultations, under the chairmanship of Mr. Özügergin (Turkey), on the following draft resolutions: A/C.2/53/L.7 (Sectoral policy questions) (item 92 (a)); A/C.2/53/L.23 (Sustainable development and international economic cooperation (item 97); A/C.2/53/L.24 (United Nations University) (item 96 (a))
2. Informal consultations, under the chairmanship of Mr. Agona (Uganda), on the following draft resolutions: A/C.2/53/L.3 (Macroeconomic policy questions (item 91(b)); A/C.2/53/L.4 (Macroeconomic policy questions (item 91 (b)); and A/C.2/53/L.20 (Macroeconomic policy questions (item 91))

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	35th meeting	Conference Room 1

Human rights questions [110] (A/53/3, A/53/58, A/53/74, A/53/75, A/53/77-S/1998/171, A/53/79, A/53/80, A/53/94-S/1998/309, A/53/99-S/1998/344, A/53/131-S/1998/435, A/53/167, A/53/203, A/53/205-S/1998/711, A/53/214, A/53/215, A/53/225-S/1998/747, A/53/343, A/53/404, A/53/425, A/43/489*, A/53/493, A/53/494, A/53/497, A/53/557*, A/C.3/53/4, A/C.3/53/5, A/C.3/53/7 and A/53/165-S/1998/601, A/C.3/53/9, A/C.3/53/12*)

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* To be issued.

Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [110 (b)] (A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/81-S/1998/225, A/53/82-S/1998/229, A/53/83-S/1998/230, A/53/86-S/1998/240, A/53/89-S/1998/250, A/53/93-S/1998/291, A/53/95-S/1998/311, A/53/98-S/1998/335, A/53/113-S/1998/345, A/53/115-S/1998/365, A/53/268, A/53/279, A/53/284, A/53/293 and Add.1, A/53/304, A/53/309, A/53/313, A/53/324, A/53/337, A/53/400, A/53/501, A/C.3/53/6, A/C.3/53/L.5)

Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [110 (c)] (A/53/84-S/1998/234, A/53/114, A/53/120, A/53/182-S/1998/669, A/53/188, A/53/322, A/53/355, A/53/364, A/53/365, A/53/366, A/53/367, A/53/402, A/53/423, A/53/433, A/53/490, A/53/504, A/53/530, A/53/537, A/53/539*, A/53/563*, A/C.3/53/3, A/C.3/53/8)

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [110 (e)] (A/53/36, Suppl. No. 36)

Introduction and general discussion

Introductory statements by:

Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia and the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia

Special Rapporteur on Internally Displaced Persons

Special Rapporteur of the Secretary-General on the Situation of Human Rights in Rwanda

Special Rapporteur on Torture

Statement on behalf of the Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Burundi

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	36th meeting	Conference Room 1

1. Promotion and protection of the rights of children [106]

   Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.14/Rev.1

2. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [108]

   Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/53/L.18/Rev.1, L.24 and L.25

3. Human rights questions: Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action [110 (a)]

   Introduction of draft proposals A/C.3/53/L.21 to L.23

4. Human rights questions [110] (A/53/3, A/53/58, A/53/74, A/53/75, A/53/77-S/1998/171, A/53/79, A/53/80, A/53/94-S/1998/309, A/53/99-S/1998/344, A/53/131-S/1998/435, A/53/167, A/53/203, A/53/205-S/1998/711, A/53/214, A/53/215, A/53/225-S/1998/747, A/53/343, A/53/404, A/53/425, A/43/489*, A/53/493, A/53/494, A/53/497, A/53/557*, A/C.3/53/4, A/C.3/53/5, A/C.3/53/7 and A/53/165-S/1998/601, A/C.3/53/9, A/C.3/53/12*)

   Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms [110 (b)] (A/53/72-S/1998/156, A/53/81-S/1998/225, A/53/82-S/1998/229, A/53/83-S/1998/230, A/53/86-S/1998/240, A/53/89-S/1998/250, A/53/93-S/1998/291, A/53/95-S/1998/311, A/53/98-S/1998/335, A/53/113-S/1998/345, A/53/115-S/1998/365, A/53/268, A/53/279, A/53/284, A/53/293 and Add.1, A/53/304, A/53/309, A/53/313, A/53/324, A/53/337, A/53/400, A/53/501, A/C.3/53/6, A/C.3/53/L.5)

   Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives [110 (c)] (A/53/84-S/1998/234, A/53/114, A/53/120, A/53/182-S/1998/669, A/53/188, A/53/322, A/53/355, A/53/364, A/53/365, A/53/366, A/53/367, A/53/402, A/53/423, A/53/433, A/53/490, A/53/504, A/53/530, A/53/537, A/53/539*, A/53/563*, A/C.3/53/3, A/C.3/53/8)

   Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights [110 (e)] (A/53/36, Suppl. No. 36)

   Continuation of general discussion

5. Promotion and protection of the rights of children [106]

   Action on draft resolution A/C.3/53/L.15

6. Programme of activities of the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People [107]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/53/L.19 and L.20

7. Rights of peoples to self-determination [109]

   Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/53/L.16 and L.17

* To be issued.

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FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 118 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/53/11, A/C.5/53/23, A/C.5/53/24 and A/C.5/53/28))

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 117 (Pattern of conferences (A/51/946, A/52/7 (paras. 113 and 114), A/52/685, A/52/803, A/52/1000, A/53/16 (paras. 334-352), A/53/21, A/53/32, A/53/221, A/53/257 and A/53/507))

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	21st meeting	Conference Room 4
3 p.m.	22nd meeting	Conference Room 4

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fiftieth session [150] (A/53/10 and Corr.1)

Morning*- 1 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 4

Informal consultations on the draft resolution concerning the United Nations Decade of International Law

Afternoon**- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 4

Informal consultations on the draft resolution concerning the International Law Commission

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* Following the adjournment of the 21st meeting of the Sixth Committee.

** Following the adjournment of the 22nd meeting of the Sixth Committee.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Results-based budgeting
2. Draft reports
3. Executive session on the Joint Inspection Unit: United Nations publications: enhancing cost-effectiveness in implementing legislative mandates

UNITED NATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Room DC2-469
2.30 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Room DC2-469

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THIRD COMMITTEE

Informal consultations

The coordinator of the draft resolution on the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action, Mr. Busacca (Italy), will hold informal consultations *today*, 5 November 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in Conference Room D.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

Under the Chairmanship of H.E. Mr. F. Paolo Fulci (Italy), Vice-President of the Council, the Working Group of the Economic and Social Council on the allocation of seats to the Executive Board of the World Food Programme will meet *today*, 5 November 1998, at 3.30 p.m. in Room C-209B.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Thursday, 5 November 1998

AFRICAN GROUP: GROUP OF EXPERTS ON ECONOMIC MATTERS

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 3

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(item 113: Development Account; item 92 (a): Business and Development (A/C.2/53/L.7); and item 98 (b): United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR))

10 a.m.-1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 9

GROUP OF 77 OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE
(item 37: World Summit for Social Development)

1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 7

GROUP OF 77
(on Fifth Committee matters)

1.45 p.m.-2.45 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 5

GROUP OF 77 OF THE WHOLE
(at the ambassadorial level)

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE
(item 91 (b): Financial crisis and its impact on growth and development, especially to the developing countries (A/C.2/53/L.4))

3 p.m.-4.30 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room A

LATIN AMERICAN AND CARIBBEAN STATES GROUP

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Economic and Social Council Chamber

MOVEMENT OF NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES:

WORKING GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS

3 p.m.-6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 3

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Workshop

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a French-language workshop on the structure, drafting and adoption of United Nations resolutions for members of permanent missions in New York. The workshop will be held on the following dates: *today*, 5 November from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and Friday, 6 November from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 9.

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Meetings of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of likely co-sponsors to discuss the draft resolution on the situation of human rights in Kosovo (agenda item 110 (c)) *today*, 5 November 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the United States Mission to the United Nations. Please reply to 415-4274.

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There will be a meeting of co-sponsors on the draft resolution entitled "Towards a Nuclear-Weapon-Free World : The Need for a New Agenda" (A/C.1/53/L.48) *today*, 5 November 1998, at 1.30 p.m. in Conference Room 6.

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Briefing

The Permanent Representative of Japan, H.E. Mr. Yukio Satoh, will hold a briefing on the outcome of the Second Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD II) *today*, 5 November 1998, from 10.30 a.m. to 12 noon in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Representatives of TICAD II, the Office of the Special Coordinator for Africa and the Least Developed Countries, Department of Economic and Social Affairs (DESA), the United Nations Development Programme and the Global Coalition for Africa will participate. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Informal consultations

There will be informal consultations on agenda item 38 (b) (Large-scale pelagic drift-net fishing, unauthorized fishing in zones of national jurisdiction and on the high seas, fisheries by-catch and discards, and other developments) *today*, 5 November 1998, and on Friday, 6 November, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room A.

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Announcement

As from Wednesday, 4 November 1998, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place at 1.15 p.m., or shortly after the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Friday, 6 November 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	26th meeting	Conference Room 2
3 p.m.	27th meeting	Conference Room 2

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	35th meeting	Trusteeship Council Chamber
Morning*	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6
3 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 6

* Following the adjournment of the 35th meeting of the Second Committee.

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	37th meeting	Conference Room 1
3 p.m.	38th meeting	Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	20th meeting	Conference Room 3
3 p.m.	21st meeting	Conference Room 3

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.	23rd meeting	Conference Room 4
3 p.m.	24th meeting	Conference Room 4

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

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INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance (item 20)

Informal Consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Jørgen Bøjer (Denmark) on Monday, 9 November 1998, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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Committees

SECOND COMMITTEE

Panel discussions

A panel discussion on "Is there a Third Way: States and Markets in Socio-economic Development" will be held on Tuesday, 10 November 1998, from 11.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The panellists are Professor Giddens of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Director, London School of Economics and Political Science, and Chief Adviser to H.E. Mr. Tony Blair, Prime Minister of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, intellectual architect of the "Third Way" concept; Mr. Jacques Baudot of France, member of the Copenhagen Seminars on Social Policy; Professor Linda Lim of Singapore, Professor of Economics at the School of Business of Michigan University; and Mr. Kwame Pianim of Ghana, Chief Executive Officer, New Word Investment Ltd. (Ghana). Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Briefing

H.E. Mr. Poul Nielson, Minister for Development, Denmark, Mr. Kwame Pianim, Economist (Ghana) and Professor Richard Falk, Princeton University (United States), will brief the Committee on "The Copenhagen Seminars for Social Progress: Denmark's contribution to the discussion on the follow-up to the World Summit for Social Development" on Wednesday, 11 November 1998, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives and non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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THIRD COMMITTEE

The Third Committee will hear introductory statements on Friday, 6 November 1998, by the Special Representatives presenting reports to the Committee, as follows: Mr. Thomas Hammarberg (Special Representative of the Secretary-General on the Situation of Human Rights in Cambodia); and Mr. Maurice Copithorne (Special Representative on the Situation of Human Rights in the Islamic Republic of Iran).

Following the introduction of each of these reports, the floor will be open to members of the Committee for questions and comments.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Technical Subgroup of the Ad Hoc Open-ended Working Group on Informatics will meet, under the chairmanship of H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), on Tuesday, 10 November 1998, at 10 a.m. sharp in Conference Room A.

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United Nations Development Programme

The United Nations Development Programme will hold informal consultations on the *Human Development Report 1999* on Thursday, 12 November 1998, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8. Interested delegations are invited to attend.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of likely co-sponsors to discuss the draft resolution on the situation of human rights in Bosnia-Herzegovina, in Croatia and in the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (agenda item 110 (c)) on Friday, 6 November 1998, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the United States Mission to the United Nations. Please reply to 415-4274

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Briefings

Ms. Pirkko Kourula, Head, Inter-Organization Affairs and Secretariat Services, UNHCR Headquarters, will hold a briefing for Member States on the report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees to the General Assembly on Friday, 6 November 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 5.

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In conjunction with agenda item 24 (Implementation of the United Nations New Agenda for the Development of Africa in the 1990s, including measures and recommendations agreed upon at its mid-term review), there will be a briefing, sponsored by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), on Monday, 9 November 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. The speakers will be Mr. Asghar Husain, Director of UNESCO's Unit for Cooperation with Africa (on "UNESCO's New Partnerships in Africa"); Mr. Wataru Nishigahiro, Minister, Permanent Mission of Japan to the United Nations (on the Second Tokyo International Conference on African Development (TICAD II)); Dr. Nigel Gibson, Deputy Director, Columbia University's Institute for African Studies (on "Reassessing Africa on the Verge of the 21st century"); and Mr. Daouda Touré, Special Policy Adviser, United Nations Special Initiative on Africa (UNDP) (who will provide an overview of the Special Initiative). A discussion will follow. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

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Seminar

A seminar on Japan's financial crisis and the collapse of the main bank myth, organized by the Development Policy Analysis Division of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will take place on Monday, 16 November 1998, at 11 a.m. in Room DC2-2127. The seminar will be conducted by Dr. Mark Scher, DESA. All interested members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. Queries: Mr. Hens-Jan Brinkman (tel.: 963-4742).

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Informal presentation

There will be an informal presentation on the theme "Governance, Public Management and Regime of Law in Developing and Transitional Countries" by Prof. Klaus König, German University for Administrative Sciences. The presentation, organized by the Division of Public Economics and Public Administration of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs, will be held on Tuesday, 17 November 1998, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Rom A. All interested delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend.

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Monday, 2 November 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 21st meeting

Note: The summary of the 21st meeting of the First Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1998/214).

Tuesday, 3 November 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE 22nd meeting

Note: The summary of the 22nd meeting of the First Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1998/214).

Wednesday, 4 November 1998

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-third session

53rd plenary meeting

Dialogue among civilizations: draft resolution (A/53/L.23/Rev.1) [168]

The representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran made a statement in the course of which he introduced draft resolution A/53/L.23/Rev.1.

Statements were made by the representatives of Senegal, Egypt, Cyprus, Austria (on behalf of the European Union and of Bulgaria, Cyprus, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Iceland, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Norway, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia), Malaysia, India, the Syrian Arab Republic and Solomon Islands.

In accordance with General Assembly resolution 3369 (XXX) of 10 October 1975, the observer for the Organization of the Islamic Conference made a statement.

The representative of Japan made a statement in explanation of vote.

The General Assembly adopted draft resolution A/53/L.23/Rev.1 (resolution 53/22).

The representative of New Zealand made a statement in explanation of vote.

The Assembly concluded its consideration of agenda item 168.

Programme of work

The General Assembly's attention was drawn to document A/INF/53/3/Add.3 which contains a tentative programme of work and schedule of plenary meetings from 10 November to 10 December 1998.

The Assembly was informed of the following:

Agenda item 59 (Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters) originally scheduled for Tuesday, 10 November 1998, would be considered on Thursday, 19 November 1998, in the afternoon;

Agenda item 44 (The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development) originally scheduled for Thursday, 19 November 1998, would be considered on Wednesday, 18 November 1998, in the morning;

On Tuesday, 10 November 1998, under agenda item 12 (Report of the Economic and Social Council), the Assembly would consider a draft resolution on the international year of mountains to be issued on 6 November 1998 as document A/53/L.24;

On Wednesday, 18 November 1998, in the afternoon, the Assembly would be expected to consider, under agenda item 30 (United Nations reform: measures and proposals), the report of the Secretary-General on environment and human settlements (A/53/463);

On Wednesday, 25 November 1998, in the morning, the Assembly would consider agenda item 58 (Strengthening of the United Nations system) together with agenda item 60 (Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly); the Assembly is expected to consider at that meeting, the report of the Secretary-General on arrangements and practices for the interaction of non-governmental organizations in all activities of the United Nations system (A/53/170).

Committees

FIRST COMMITTEE — 23rd meeting

Note: The summary of the 23rd meeting of the First Committee will appear in the next issue of the *Journal* (No. 1998/214).

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE) — 16th meeting

Comprehensive review of the whole question of peace-keeping operations in all their aspects [85]

The Committee concluded its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Kenya, Ukraine, Slovakia, Senegal, Sierra Leone and Angola.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.4/53/L.8 without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded consideration of agenda item 85.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

SECOND COMMITTEE — 34th meeting

Training and research [96]

(b) United Nations Institute for Training and Research

The Committee began consideration of the item.

Introductory statements were made by the Special Adviser to the Secretary-General and the Executive Director of UNITAR.

A statement was made by H.E. Mr. Ahmad Kamal (Pakistan), Chairman of the Board of Trustees of UNITAR.

Statements were made by the representatives of Indonesia (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Austria (on behalf of the European Union, the Central and Eastern European countries associated with the European Union (Bulgaria, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Czech Republic, Romania and Slovakia), and the associated country, Cyprus, as well as the EFTA country member of the EEA, Norway, which aligned themselves with the statement), the Russian Federation, Nigeria, Switzerland, Japan, Israel, Australia, Papua New Guinea and Haiti.

The Committee thus concluded its general discussion on agenda item 96 (b).

Organization of work

The Chairman informed the Committee that the deadline for submission of draft proposals under agenda item 98 would be on Thursday, 5 November, at 1 p.m. and that the deadline for submission of draft proposals under agenda items 91(a) and 96 (b) would be on Friday, 6 November, at 6 p.m.

THIRD COMMITTEE — 33rd meeting

Human rights questions [110]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

The Committee began its consideration of the sub-items.

The United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights made an introductory statement.

The representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union), Cuba, Japan, the United Kingdom, the United States, India, China, Norway and Germany made statements.

The Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Iraq, Mr. Max van der Stoel, made a presentation.

The representatives of Iraq, Kuwait and Austria (on behalf of the European Union) made statements in response to the presentation of the Special Rapporteur.

The Special Rapporteur on the Elimination of all Forms of Religious Intolerance, Mr. Abdelfattah Amor, made a presentation.

The representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union), the United States and Turkey made statements in response to the presentation of the Special Rapporteur.

The Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Mr. Roberto Garretón, made a presentation.

34th meeting

The Committee continued it consideration of sub-items 110 (b), (c) and (e) and the representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union), the United States, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Rwanda, Zimbabwe and Uganda made statements in response tot he presentation of the Special Rapporteur on the Situation of the Human Rights in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

The Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Myanmar, Mr. Rajsoomer Lallah, made a presentation.

The representatives of Myanmar, Austria (on behalf of the European Union) and the United States made statements in response to the presentation of the Special Rapporteur.

The Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Nigeria, Mr. Soli Jehangir Sorabjee, made a presentation.

The representatives of Nigeria and Austria (on behalf of the European Union) made statements in response to the presentation of the Special Rapporteur.

The Independent Expert on the Situation of Human Rights on Haiti, Mr. Adama Dieng, made a presentation.

The representatives of Haiti, Austria (on behalf of the European Union) and the United States made statements in response to the presentation of the Special Rapporteur.

The Special Rapporteur on Extrajudicial, Summary or Arbitrary Execution, Ms. Asma Jahangir, made a presentation.

The representatives of Austria (on behalf of the European Union), Belgium, Turkey and Colombia made statements in response to the presentation of the Special Rapporteur.

FIFTH COMMITTEE 19th meeting

United Nations common system [120]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

Statements were made by the representatives of Norway, Japan and the Russian Federation.

United Nations pension system [121]

The Committee resumed its consideration of this agenda item.

The representative of the United States made a statement.

Other matters

The representative of Japan made a statement in connection with the documents listed under agenda item 119 (Human resources management).

Following a statement by the representative of Cuba regarding a report of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the report of the Secretary-General contained in document A/53/414, the Chairman informed the Committee that the question had been raised with the Advisory Committee.

The representatives of the United States and the United Kingdom made statements.

The Chairman informed the Committee of a letter received from the representative of Costa Rica seeking the views of the Office of Legal Affairs on questions under item 118.

The representative of Pakistan made a statement in this connection.

The representative of Ireland, Coordinator of informal consultations under agenda item 118, made a statement.

SIXTH COMMITTEE 20th meeting

Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fiftieth session [150]

Statements were made by the representatives of Myanmar, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Malawi, France, Portugal, Viet Nam, Guatemala, Ireland, Bulgaria and Algeria. The observer for Switzerland also made a statement.

The Special Rapporteur, Mr. Vaclav Mikulka, commented on the observations made by delegations on the topic concerning nationality in relation to Succession of States.

The Special Rapporteur, Mr. Alain Pellet, commented on the observations made by delegations on the topic concerning reservations to treaties.

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1998 UNITED NATIONS PLEDGING CONFERENCE FOR DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES — 1st meeting

The Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs declared open the 1998 Pledging Conference for Development Activities and invited the Conference to proceed to the election of its President.

Election of officers of the 1998 Pledging Conference for Development Activities

H.E. Mr. Sotirious Zackheos (Cyprus) was elected as President and H.E. Mr. Gian Nicola Filippi Balestra (San Marino) as Vice-President, by acclamation.

Statements regarding pledges

Statements were made and pledges announced by members of the Conference.

COMMITTEE ON THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHTS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE — 240th meeting

Developments in the Middle East peace process and the situation in the occupied Palestinian territory, including Jerusalem

The Permanent Observer of Palestine made a statement.

The representative of Ukraine made a statement.

Consideration of the draft report of the Committee to the General Assembly (A/AC.183/1998/CRP.2)

The Rapporteur introduced the draft report of the Committee.

Statements were made by the representatives of Pakistan and Belarus, as well as by the Permanent Observer of Palestine.

The Committee adopted its annual report for submission to the General Assembly.

Other matters

The Chairman made a statement.

The Permanent Observer of Palestine made a statement.

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Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE
United Nations Office at Geneva
Sixty-fourth session

FRIDAY, 30 OCTOBER 1998

1718th and 1719th meetings

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 40 of the Covenant [4]

The Committee began and concluded its consideration of the third periodic report of Austria (CCPR/ C/83/Add.3).

In accordance with the Committee's rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meetings and replied to questions raised and observations made by members of the Committee.

The Committee then examined concluding observations in closed session.

MONDAY, 2 NOVEMBER 1998

1720th and 1721st (closed) meetings

The Committee considered concluding observations on the examination of State party reports in closed session.

TUESDAY, 3 NOVEMBER 1998

1722nd and 1723rd (closed) meetings

The Committee considered communications under the Optional Protocol in closed session.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]

Amendments to the Convention on the International Maritime Organization. London, 4 November 1993

Acceptance: Côte d'Ivoire (4 November 1998)*

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* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff Council

There will be meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 5 November 1998, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The meeting is open to staff members only.

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